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MEDIA RELEASE

Fatal Unincorporated Lake Villa Traffic Crash

On February 3, 2023, at approximately 9:50 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Route 59 south of Route 132, Unincorporated Lake Villa, for a head-on traffic crash. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located a GMC Acadia and Kia Sorento with major damage.

Preliminary investigation shows the GMC, driven by a 74-year-old man of Unincorporated Lake Villa, was traveling northbound on Route 59. For an unknown reason, the driver of the GMC veered into the southbound lanes of traffic. The GMC struck the southbound Kia, driven by a 73-year-old man of Ingleside, head-on. Witnesses reported the GMC was swerving prior to the crash.

Both drivers were transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville with critical injuries. The driver of the Kia was pronounced deceased shortly after arriving at the hospital. The driver of the GMC remains at the hospital in critical condition.

Impairment appears to be a factor in the crash, however, the investigation continues.

The Lake County Coroner's Office is scheduling an autopsy for the driver of the Kia.

The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Team.

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